

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A communication system for use in an MRI procedure includes a first communication unit positioned within a shielded housing on an interior side of the isolation barrier. The first communication unit includes a first receiver and a first transmitter. The communication system also includes a second communication unit positioned on an exterior side of the isolation barrier. The second communication unit includes a second receiver and a second transmitter. The first communication unit is in connection via optical cabling with a first light transmitting device positioned on an interior side of the isolation barrier adjacent a viewing window in the isolation barrier. The second communication unit is in connection via optical cabling with a second light transmitting device positioned on the exterior side of the isolation barrier adjacent a viewing window in the isolation barrier. The first communication unit and the second communication unit communicate via transmission of optical energy between the first light transmitting device and the second light transmitting device.